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## OFFICE BROKERAGE.

The article published in the INDEPENDENT on yesterday regarding the trafficking in government offices by the son of the president furnishes subject for serious thought among people of all political parties, because it shows such an utter disregard for the proprieties by one who should be jealous of the honor of the high office to which his father has been elevated by the votes of the electors of the United States. It is a subject that will attract all the more attention because of the indications that there are strong grounds for suspicion that the action of the son in establishing himself as an office broker has the tacit approval of the father, who is at the same time the president of the greatest republic the world has ever seen. It shows that the present administration takes an altogether different view of the trust reposed in a chief magistrate of the nation than that which animated Grover Cleveland when he declared that "public office is a public trust." Under the Harrison regime, however, public offices are to be regarded as merchandise—something that a member of the president's family may hold out as a premium for the influencing of transactions that should be conducted upon a strictly mercantile principle. It was such practices by his son-in-law that brought about the downfall of President Grevy, of France.

## PERSONS AND THINGS.

Every French bank has a photograph of every employe.

A canvass duck is said to be able to fly eighty miles an hour.

Mrs. Frances Hodgson Burnett will sail for England on May 11.

The premium on gold in the Argentine republic has reached sixty-four per cent.

Five-day that takes a brighter polish than marble is found in Blair county, Pennsylvania.

A Vanderbilt syndicate is building up a gas monopoly in St. Louis. It is said it will have a capital of \$12,000,000.

Owing to his declining mental faculties the venerable historian, George Bancroft, has entirely ceased his literary work.

Roswell Bardsley, who has held a post-office in New York ever since 1828, has always been a democrat. His salary is \$50 a year.

John J. Blair, the New Jersey railway magnate, who has a fortune of \$40,000,000, began life by selling plug tobacco and notions.

Mr. Edison is reported to have no doubt that the time will soon come when a feasible system of aerial navigation will be discovered.

The Paris Figaro says that King Alfonso XIII, of Spain, is a beautiful child with a laughing face and fair hair falling down over his shoulders.

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## CHANGE OF TIME.

Through Chair Cars to Kansas City.

The Minneapolis & St. Louis railway,

"Albert Lea Route," ever ready to meet

the demands of the traveling public, upon

March 17th, 1889, inaugurated a through

chair car service between St. Paul, Minne-

apolis and Kansas City, leaving St. Paul

daily, except Sunday, at 9:10 a. m., Minne-

apolis at 9:30 a. m.

These cars are models of perfection and

in many respects are superior to those run

by any road. The interior is finished in

selected and exquisitely polished woods of

mahogany, cherry and oak. The curtains,

carpets, etc., in harmony of design and

color form an ensemble pleasing to the

eye and gratifying to a cultivated taste.

No pains or expense have been spared to

make them the most comfortable and assuring

vehicles of their class in America.

For maps, rates, time cards, etc., address

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Minneapolis.

C. L. CANFIELD, Gen. Agt., Helena.

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Northern Pacific Railroad company will

sell excursion tickets to San Francisco and

return at \$75; to Los Angeles and return

\$84. These tickets have an extreme limit

of six months from date of issuance, and

can be used going any time within sixty

(60) days from date of sale. Stop-overs al-

lowed at any point desired—either going or

returning—within limit of ticket. Ex-

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Portland—by steamer, or by rail, via the

famous Mount Shasta route.

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If you want a remedy for biliousness,

pimples in the face, and a sure cure for

sick headache, ask H. S. Hale & Co., the

druggists, for a free sample of Dr. Gunn's

Liver Pills. Only one for a dose; full box

25 cents.

## THE MARKETS.

### STOCKS.

New York, April 16.—Bar silver, 104.

Copper—Heavy, nominal; Lake, April, \$13.75.

Lead—Heater, domestic \$12.50.

The stock market today was exceedingly dull

and fluctuations in the general list were

within the narrow limits. All the business

was in the hands of the trading element. First

prices were generally lower, the declines from

last evening's prices extending to 4 per cent.

The market closed dull and steady at insignificant

and irregular changes for the day. Government

bonds dull and steady.

Petroleum opened steady at 30 and closed weak

at 29 1/2.

Government bonds, 4s, 104, 104 1/2; 5s,

104 1/2; 6s, 104 1/2; 7s, 104 1/2; 8s, 104 1/2.

Consolidated, 104 1/2; Oregon Improvement, 91.

United Pacific, 60 1/2.

Money on call easy at 7 1/2 per cent. Prime

merchandise paper, 4 1/2; 5 1/2; 6 1/2; 7 1/2; 8 1/2.

Wool—Wool, 60s, 104 1/2; 60s, 104 1/2; 60s, 104 1/2.

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